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Dear Commissioner Newman,

Please find attached my comments regarding Docket RE-0000A-09-0249.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Josh Schachter

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Dear Commissioner Newman,

I am writing to offer my comments regarding the proposed rule changes submitted by you in Arizona's Integrated Resource Plan rulemaking docket (Docket RE-00000A-09-0249). I encourage you to consider the environmental and occupational health externalities of Arizona's energy industries.

I would like to urge and support any efforts of the Arizona Corporation Commission to include the careful and thorough evaluation of environmental and public health externalities of all renewable and non renewable energy industries in Arizona as we move forward. I believe that we have golden opportunities to work to make energy decisions that will protect the health of our workers, the public and especially our children.

There are many potential and very real adverse environmental and health issues related to the energy industries to consider and prevent; here are just a few examples:

- Coal ash sites contain harmful levels of arsenic, lead, mercury and other toxins, which can leach out into drinking water sources or flood nearby communities as happened in Tennessee last year.
- Environmental impacts of coal burning have countless population health impacts including chronic respiratory diseases and deaths, asthma, cancers and exacerbation of cardiovascular illnesses.
- Health impacts of power plant accidents of all kinds
- Health impacts of many other pollutants in our environment as by-products and waste products of energy production industries
- Impacts of pollutants on the health of Arizona's natural heritage and many ecological wonders that draw tourists and tourism dollars from across the US and world

I appreciate the opportunity to offer my comments on these issues and strongly support and encourage the careful evaluation of public health and environmental externalities by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Thank you for your hard work on this vital issue, as we strive to meet the energy challenges and opportunities of the 21st Century.

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